





The middle of August without a single Line, this was urged against my  
assertions, I had come near moving, a mortal stab, to my proceeding  
(Doct. Williamson of Pennsylvania, & Col. Moore of Virginia)  
have both been in France, the latter still here, the former  
returned with a Budget for London, (under pretence of being  
an American) this man is doing the Colonies prodigious  
mischief, and the situation of affairs at this critical moment  
renders it as dangerous for the Ministry here to take him  
up, as to let him alone, let his Name be known in America  
and every one be put on their Guard how they correspond with  
him. One Mr. Hopkins of Maryland in this service, and  
who is in the Rank of a Brigadier General, appeared  
desirous of going to America, but on my not paying  
him that regard, he vainly thought himself intitled to  
form the dark design of defeating my whole <sup>prospects</sup> ~~prospects~~,  
at this critical period, he pretended to be in my fauor, &  
roundly asserted, that I had solely in view, a reconciliation  
with Great Britain, immediately after which, the Stores  
now furnishing, would be used against them; this coming  
from a profess'd Enemy to Great Britain, from a Native  
of America, and from one, who declared himself, a  
zealous Friend to the Colonies, you must suppose had weigh  
how ever thunderstruck. <sup>at this unexpected, & last effort of Ingratitude</sup> was, as well as my friend M. B. W.  
We asserted our selves, and Truth prevailed. — The mischief  
has recoiled on himself, and having fallen into disgrace  
here, he will strive to go to America where he threatens  
I hear



I fear to do much mischief to me — however he will not be  
permitted to depart, unless he slips off very privately  
indeed. Should that be the case or should he write letters  
You have now a clue to unravel him & his proceedings,  
it would be tedious to recount what I have met with in this  
Way, it has confined me <sup>not only</sup> to Paris, but to my Chamber, &  
my Pen, for Weeks past, in drawing up my Way of Memorial  
the true state of the Colonies, their true Interest, the  
System of Policy they must unquestionably pursue  
and that the highest Interests of France are inseparably  
connected therewith — believe me my Friend, I do not mention  
a single Difficulty with one complaining thought, my all is devoted,  
and I am happy in being so far successful, (and that the Muckination  
of my Enemies, or rather the Enemies of my Country have given me  
finally an Opportunity of experiencing the Friendship & Protection  
of great & valuable Men, but it is necessary you should know  
as much as possible of my Situation — The Stores are collecting  
and I hope will be embarked by the middle of this month, if  
later I shall be inclined to send them, by an artree, and  
about of the Season — it is consistent with Political Letters  
to urge your commitments of Fourteen Hogs and 20<sup>th</sup> of  
Tobacco, in <sup>part</sup> payment of these Stores, if you make it timely  
the public will be gainers as the Article is rising fast, and  
Holland soon follows, & proportion here — You must by no  
means forget Bermuda, if you do G. B. will seize it this  
Winter or France in the first rupture, having been  
made sensible of its importance by the officious zeal of  
that



that same Mr. Hopkins. — As your Navy is increasing, will you com-  
mission me, to send you Dutch for Twenty Sail, I can procure it for you  
to the Northward on very good terms, and you have on hand the  
produce wanted to pay for it with, — have you granted Commissions  
against the Portuguese, all the Sundry to America, in Europe, call  
loudly for such a measure, — would you have Universal Commerce  
Commission some person, to visit every Kingdom on the Continent  
that can hold any Commerce with America, among which by no  
means forgets Prussia — Grain will be in demand in this Kingdom  
and in the South of Europe — let me urge an immediate increase of  
your Navy, Great Britain is calling in, her Mediterranean Passes  
to expose us to the Algerines, I propose applying to this Court, on  
the subject — Doct. Bancroft in London merits much of the  
Colonies, — As I shall now have frequent Opportunities  
of Writing by Officers & others going out, I will not add more,  
than that our Mr. Carmichael has now been with me some  
Time, recommended by Mr. H. of London, I owe much to him for  
his Assistance in my Dispatches, & for his friendly & reasonable  
Advice on all Occasions, He is of Maryland, & is here for his  
Health, & proposes going soon for America, — I expect to  
hear from London tomorrow by Doct. B. who is on his Way.  
I am with my most sincere Esteem & Respect for the Secret  
Committee, & most profound Regards to the hon. Congress  
Your most Obedt. &  
Very Humbl. Servt.